

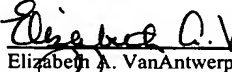
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TITLE: GAS SEPARATOR FIXING STRUCTURE AND GAS SEPARATING DEVICE USING THE SAME

1. Type of Application

This is a request for filing a *CONTINUATION APPLICATION* under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b), of pending prior application International Application No. *PCT/JP02/10961*, having an international filing date of *October 22, 2002*, entitled *GAS SEPARATOR FIXING STRUCTURE AND GAS SEPARATING DEVICE USING THE SAME*, which designated the United States.

2. Papers Enclosed

A. Required for filing date under 37 CFR 1.53(b) (Regular) are:

26 Page(s) of Specification
4 Page(s) of Claims
1 Page(s) of Abstract
4 Sheets of Formal Drawings (Figs. 1-4)

B. Other Papers Enclosed

- ☒ A Patent Application Bibliographic Data Sheet
- ☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney (English/Japanese Language Declaration)
- ☒ A Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☒ Form PTO-1449
- ☒ An Assignment Transmittal and Assignment of the invention to:

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- ☒ PCT/RO/101
- ☒ PCT/IPEA/401 ☒ PCT/IPEA/402
- ☒ International Publication (front page only)

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4. Nonpublication Request Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)

☐ Applicants hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not be** the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

☐ Applicants hereby request that the attached application **not** be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

5. Relate Back

A. 35 U.S.C. 119(e)

☐ Priority of provisional application Serial No. _____ filed _____, is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119(e).

B. 35 U.S.C. 120, 121 and 365(c)

☒ Priority of said prior application(s) is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120.

<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
PCT/JP02/10961	October 22, 2002	Parent

C. 35 U.S.C. 119 Priority Claim for Prior Application

☒ Priority of foreign application(s) is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 as follows:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2001-324411	October 23, 2001

☒ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application will follow under separate cover.

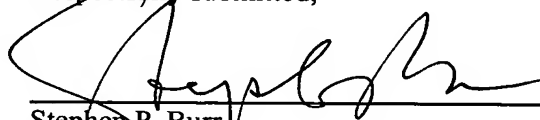
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CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	
Total Claims	22 - 20 =	2	× \$ 18.00	\$ 36.00
Independent Claims	4 - 3 =	1	× \$ 86.00	\$ 86.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+ \$290.00	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$ 892.00
[] Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.				
SUBTOTAL =				\$ 892.00
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[x] Assignment Fee (37 CFR §1.21(h)–\$40.00)				\$ 40.00
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